



Don't Invite Trouble
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RACCOONS to Dinner!

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**Raccoons can mean
trouble—
Don't invite them into
your campsite!**

Raccoons are a part of the natural scene of the park, but inviting them into your campsite, on purpose or accidentally, can result in damage to your camping equipment—or to you!

Raccoons seem friendly and cute, but they WANT FOOD more than anything else. Hands, fingers or even ankles that come between them and food can become painfully nipped.

Raccoons will find food items stored in your campsite and will do anything they can to get to them, but there are a few things you can do to keep you (and them!) safe during your park stay:

- *Keep a clean camp. Raccoons have an excellent sense of smell!*
- *Store food in animal-proof food lockers located in your campsite. Coolers are not safe!*
- **DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS.**
They will become aggressive and demand more.
- *Never get between a mother and her young. Young animals are cute, an angry mother is not.*